scheme of Non-formal Education and the scheme of Teacher Education. In addition, the Programme of Action has laid down several strategies to speed up Universalisation of Elementary Education. They include opening of new schools in schoolless habitations, child-centred and activity based process of learning mobilisation of the community and participative management of education, and an array of meticulously formulated strategies based on micro-planning to bring all children to school.

(b) and (c) The National Literacy Mission (NLM) aims at imparting functional literacy to 80 million adult illiterates in the 15-35 age-group by 1995. Specific steps being taken to achieve the objective of National Literacy Mission include securing people's participation increasing involvement of voluntary agencies, improving on-going programmes, launching mass movements institutionalising continuing education, ensuring availability of stadard learning materials, applying techno-pedgogic inputs and creating an effective management system at all levels.

Licences to individuals to ply buses on Routes approved by D.T.C.

1815. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to give licences to individuals to ply buses on routes approved by DTC; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) Private buses are already operating in Delhi under different types of permits and no proposal to change the existing system has been finalised.

Redesignate/Upgradation of posts in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1816. SHRI DAVID LEDGER : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently decided to redesignate/upgrade the posts of Education Officers and Assistant Commissioner etc. of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the justification therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) and (b) No decision has been taken in this regard.

Demand for increase of flights between Guwahati-Calcutta and Guwahati-Delhi

1817. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM *be pleased to state:*

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a persistent demand from the people of the NE Region for increased number of flights between Guwahati-Calcutta and Guwahati-Delhi; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introluce additional flights in these routes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While Indian Airlines have plans to augment capacity between Guwahati-Calcutta and Guwahati-Delhi after induction of sufficient Airbus A320 aircraft capacity, Vayudoot is not in a position to step up the frequency of its existing flights between Calcutta and Guwahati due to capacity constraints.

Stoppage of trains at Barpeta

1818. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the railway passengers from Barpeta region of Assam have not been benefited from the introduction of N.E. Express and Trivandrum Express due to the absence of stoppage of these trains at Barpeta Road Railway Station;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the travelling public for introduction of stoppage of the above trains at Barpeta Road Railway Station; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Representations have been received. However, proliferation of stoppages to long distance trains decelerate such services, hence not desirable.

Container service system at Trivandrum

1819. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present Trivandrum Central is not connected with container service system; and

(b) if so, by when this system is likely to be provided there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The feasibility of opening Domestic Container Service at Trivandrum Central was examined but not found financially justified due to inadequate traffic prospects.

KRANTI NAGAR slum colony on railway land in Bombay

1820. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the slum dwellers of KRANTI NAGAR on the Railway land at Kurla East in Bombay every year enter into an agreement individually with the Railway Administration for payment of rent;

(b) whether it is a fact that a representative organisation of the slum dwellers *viz.* 'KRANTI NAGAR SEVA MANDAL' has been making repeated representation to the Railway to renew the agreement and execute a single long-term agreement on behalf of all the slum-dwellers;

(c) whether it is a fact that such an arrangement will be time-saving for both the Railways and the slum-dwellers: and

(d) what steps the Railways proposes to take in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. Agreements are executed with each individual once in five years.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) With a view to maintain Railway's control over the land and to facilitate resumption of the land when required for Railway's own use, it is not considered desirable to license the land to the Kranti Nagar Seva Mandal on a long-term basis.

Allotment of berths in A.P. Express by TTEs

1821. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(b) whether it is also a fact that this A.P. Express train had arbitrarily allotted vacant berths in 2-tier AC in the way ignoring eligible minor children and a woman on 20th June, 1989;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this matter was brought to the notice of the Vigilance Cell staff who were travelling in the same train on that day; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government against the concerned TTE who has flouted the rules of allotting berths to minor children and women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.